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Wilde Lake Community Association Announces Next Executive Director

Wilde Lake Community Association today announced the appointment of its next Executive Director and Village Manager, Ms. Sharon Cooper-Kerr.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we are eager to work with Sharon Cooper-Kerr in her new role as Executive Director,” said Kevin McAliley, Chair of the Board. “Sharon has an impressive background in community engagement and nonprofit management. I am eager to work with her on opportunities to advance the interests of vibrant #wildelake. I wish Sharon much success and look forward to assisting her in her new role.”

“I am so excited for this opportunity to collaborate with our Board and to lead the Wilde Lake Community Association in our next chapter. The staff at Wilde Lake Community Association is talented and the Board has incredible leaders at the helm. I am eager to start working on behalf of our residents, businesses, and organizations in Wilde Lake. My heart is focused on resolving any challenges that may face our vibrant Village and to serve our residents, businesses, and community partners,” said Ms. Cooper-Kerr.

Cooper-Kerr comes to WLCA most recently from the United Way of Central Maryland where she was Assistant Director of Women United and Major Gifts Officer. She managed and directed live and virtual activities of Women United, a membership group of 1,400 professional women interested in philanthropy and community engagement. Cooper-Kerr was responsible for budget management, special events, marketing and communications, membership recruitment, donor cultivation, and volunteer engagement. Cooper-Kerr has worked extensively with community partners in Howard County and brings an impressive background in community engagement to improve the lives of families and youth in Howard County.

With WLCA’s experienced management and facilities team and Board of Directors as support, Ms. Cooper-Kerr will be well-positioned to collaborate and build alliances with our surrounding neighbors, both large and small, to propose a wide range of personal and professional services, entertainment options, expanded art gallery, day camp and educational offerings, influence Wilde Lake’s ongoing housing evolution, business recruitment and retention, HOA support, continued residential advisory improvements, expanded retail relationships, Complete Streets transportation and transit initiatives support, and enhancing the quality of life through continuation of WLCA’s Neighborhood Representatives, and the popular WL CARES programs.

About Wilde Lake Community Association

Wilde Lake Community Association was formed “to organize and operate a nonprofit civic organization, exclusively for the promotion of the health, common good and social welfare of the owners of property in, and the residents of, the Village of Wilde Lake.” Wilde Lake Community Association is committed to supporting its mission by:

- Administering the Wilde Lake Village Covenants which govern the exterior appearance and maintenance of properties in the Village.
- Offering a wide variety of programs, special events and classes.
- Advocating for Village residents in areas of interest and concern to Village residents.
- Providing information and referral services.
- Providing space for meetings and events at Slayton House and the neighborhood centers.

Wilde Lake Community Association is governed by an elected Board of Directors in accordance to the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Covenants. The Association’s daily operations are managed by the Executive Director and Village Manager and the staff whose offices are located in Slayton House.

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